News of the Week

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sion to proceed to South Africa August 9, and inquire into the sentences imposed by the military courts, with the view of ascertaining whether it is expedient that such sentences and fines be remitted or reduced.

In denying a rumor that Dr. Leyds, who was the European agent of the Transvaal, was returning to South Africa, Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary of England, made the important announcement on July 23 that all those not of African birth who had fought against the British could not be allowed to return to South Africa.

Reports as to the health conditions among the American soldiers in the Philippines contain records of heroism of the men detailed to serve as nurses for the cholera patients, and the commanding officers are taking opportunities to make special mention of the brave work of those engaged in the work.

A report dated July 25 says: Four wrecks, three of them resulting in one or more fatalities, occurred yesterday in various portions of the country as Rock Island, near South Omaha, one person killed, two injured. Panhandle road, near Xenia, O., at least five killed, many persons injured, several fatally. Ohio & Little Kanawha, two killed and many injured, several fatally. Ontario & Western, stx passengers injured. In two of the wrecks, those on the Rock Island and Panhandle roads, the cars caught fire and in the case of the Panhandle wreck at least two persons were burned to death. The total number killed is not less than eight and the aggregate of injured not less than twenty-five.

A Parkersburg, W. Va., report announces that Judge Jackson in the United States district court on July 24 sentenced "Mother" Jones and seven other organizers of the United Mine workers and a number of Hungarian miners guilty of contempt in violating his injunction order of June 19. With the exception of "Mother" Jones and the Hungarians, they were all sentenced to sixty to ninety days in jail.

It is reported that the contributions to the mine workers' defense fund for the anthracite strike, in less than one week, have reached \$123,000, exclusive of the assessment of the men. Many of these subscriptions are from men that are not concerned in the strike at all.

A Washington dispatch, dated July 24, says: The Japanese government has served formal notice on the state department that it claims possession of Marcus island, toward which is now heading an American expedition under Captain Rosehill, with a purpose of exploiting its guano deposits. Regarding it as extremely desirable that no collision occur, the state department has taken measures to notify Captain Rosehill that he must offer no resistance, should he fall in with a Japanese warship. He landed on this island about thirteen years ago. He put up a sign and deposited a bottle setting forth his claims to the island. erected a flag pole and hoisted the United States flag. Then he sailed away from the island, leaving it unoccupied, a fact which may vitiate his title. Of these facts he informed the state department, but he neglected for many years to file in the treasury department the bond required by the Guano island laws. In fact, this bond was only filed within the last year. Meanwhile, finding a deserted island, some Japanese landed, and began to

take away the guano. There are believed to be two score of them now on the island, as the Japanese government holds that their title is good. The Japanese warship carried the mossage from this government to Rosehill, advising him to offer no resistance, and, as it will probably reach Marcos island, distant only 1,000 miles from Yokohama, before the Rosehill schooner, which sailed from Honolulu, 2,000 miles distant, it is expected that there will be no clash between the schooner's passengers and the Japanese coolies now on the island.

A Yokohama cablegram says: It is officially announced that the Janaese cruiser Jasagi will convey the diplomatic agent of Japan to Marcos island. The explanation is that it is the desire of the government to reassure the Japanese residents and convince them that the Rosehill claim is untenable. It is asserted here that the island was annexed to Japan in 1898, and that it was discovered by a Jananese subject in 1879.

The chief engineers at Washington have received several annual reports of officers in charge of rivers and harbors improvements, making estimates for the fiscal year of 1904 as follows: Captain C. S. Richie submits the following estimates for the Galveston, Tex., district: Galveston harbor, \$450,000; Galveston ship channel and Buffalo bayou, Texas, \$700,000; to complete the project, \$3,400,000. South of the Brazos river, Texas, \$275,000; Brazos river, between Valasco and Richmond, West Galveston bay channel, Double bayou and the mouths of adjacent streams, \$130,000. Aransas Pass, Texas, \$300,000; to complete the Trinity river, project, \$1,340,000. Texas, \$275,000; to complete the project, \$3,875,000. Brazos river from Richmond to Old Washington, \$50,000. Galveston channel, \$200,000; to complete the project, \$1,485,000. Captain Richie says that in substituting oil ia place of coal for fuel on the dredge in Galveston harbor makes a saving of \$500 to \$1,000 per month.

A cablegram from London announces that the entire cabinet of the Servian government has resigned, owing to the defeat of the government in the election for a president of the national assembly.

A Manila report, under date of July 24, says: Captain John J. Pershing of the Fifteenth cavalry, who is in command of the Lanao (Mindanao) expedition, has arrested the sultan of Binadayan as a hostage for the delivery to him of the Moros who, on June 22, attacked two Americans. The sultan offered to produce the dead body of one of the Americans and a relative of the leader of the party which attacked them, and to surrender ten slaves, but Captain Pershing refused to entertain the suggestion. The sultan then ordered his followers to produce the guilty Moros. On Tuesday one of the offenders was brought into | Post. the camp of the Americans. He was horribly mutilated. Before dying he confessed to having participated in the ambush of the Americans. Tongul, the leader of the attack, has fortified his house and defies the sultan of Binadayan and followers to capture

A dispatch from St. Louis announces that the dedication of the World's fair will take place in the Palace of Liberal Arts on April 30, 1903.

A cablegram from Manila, under date of July 24, says: Ross Douglas, former treasurer of the Island of Cebu, has been found guilty of embezzlement. He has not yet been sentenced.

A cablegram from Paris reports that serious disturbances prevail in the

Catholic country around Brest on account of the closing of the unauthorized schools. The country side has taken up arms, and is determined to resist any attempt at the forcible execution of the premier's order.

Reports from western Texas announce that the rainfall there is characterized as the worst ever known. Cloudburst has been followed by cloudburst and the country has been inundated, causing great loss to the railroads and interrupting telegraphic service and travel.

A London report says that it is announced from Montreal that the Canadian Pacific railway has offered to establish and work a weekly fast service between Quebec and Liverpool in the summer and between Halifax and Liverpool, where it is regarded as an offset to J. Pierpont Morgan's shipping combine.

A Pertinent Query.

Why is it that when Cleveland and Hill are assailed by democrats republican papers always come to their rescue.-Newkirk (O. T.) Democrat-Herald.

Easy For Them.

The republican papers are able to commend both the meekness of Beveridge and the savage aggressiveness of Penfield,-Paducah (Ky.) News-Democrat.

Dollars Above Patriotism.

Mr. Morgan's proposition to place the vessels in his shipping trust at the disposal of the British admiralty would not be a satisfactory arrangement in the event of war between Great Britain and the United States. It would turn our own ships against us. The man in pursuit of the dollar is not long on patriotism.-Sioux Falls (S. D.) Press.

Bear it in Mind.

The big metropolitan dailies, have been against the democratic party for the past six years. About half of these papers are nominally democratic, but they invariably abuse and misrepresent the men who have charge of the party. It is the country weeklies that really fight the party's battles Democrats should not forget this.-Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Entitled to Trust Confidence.

It strikes us as just possible that the trusts and combines will regard the republican program of tariff revision as a tub thrown to the whale of republican discontent and intended for use only during the campaign. Surely the fidelity with which the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh congresses have stood by the monopolistic combinations entitles the leaders to a continuance of the confidence of those great interests.-Washington

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